

**From:** James Vos  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 1, 2003 10:44 PM  
**Subject:** Article from Common Dreams NewsCenter

Hello,

James Vos wanted to share this article with you:  
<http://commondreams.org/views03/0601-07.htm>

Message: I write you, attaching the enclosed article...please do not change those FCC rules to favour big media!!!

Thanks!

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Breaking News & Views for the Progressive Community  
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**From:** James Paige  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 12:18 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

James Paige (silver\_wings@mac.com) writes:

KEEP AMERICA FREE. STOP CORPORATE MEDIA

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**From:** Jake Neves  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 5:43 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Jake Neves (jake.neves@shell.com) writes:

You are my hero, Commissioner Adelstein. When will you be running for President? Keep up the good work!

-Jake Neves

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Remote IP address: 134.163.253.127

**From:** Jackie Newberry  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:44 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Jackie Newberry (jackiecn@earthlink.net) writes:

Thanks for your continued efforts to stop the runaway train with Powell and the other 2 commissioners. I have sent the following email to them:

Even the leaders in Jordan say that it is important to listen to the voice of the people. If so many people, grassroots, congress, people in the media, civil rights advocates, and more, think that your proposals are unacceptable, you have obviously not done enough to educate them as to the your position. You say that you do not make decisions based on polling. But when you have 97% of people asked against it, something is wrong. This is not mere polling. I ask that you stop ramrodding this. It appears to the vast majority in this country that it is for the benefit of the special interests, the moneyed and powerful with little sincere interest in upholding democratic principles. It confirms the direction of this administration to do whatever it wants irrespective of the negative broad effect it will have on the majority.

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**From:** Jackie Corlin  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 4:16 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Jackie Corlin (cocojaja@cox.net) writes:

I urge you and your colleagues to promote a diverse, balanced, and competitive media. Please stop the FCC rule change on June 2.

We allow media companies to use the airwaves in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the public interest, and it's the FCC's job to make sure that's so. Please hold the FCC to its mandate and oppose the rule change.

Michael Powell is not doing the right thing. The Sherman Antitrust Act and the Clayton Antitrust Act are both supposed to stop the type of monopoly that Mr. Powell is helping to re-create.

Our household helped elect you in 2000. However, this move by the FCC is anti-competitive and our votes in 2004 will depend on the outcome of this crucial test.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

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**From:** Jack & Joyce Stufflebeem  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 10:14 PM  
**Subject:** local radio

We understand you are planning to take away the ability of local radio stations to control their own programming. Local radio should be just that: local.

Jack Stufflebeem

**From:** J Michael Kenyon  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 12:28 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

J Michael Kenyon (oldfallguy@attbi.com) writes:

Thanks for your efforts on Monday, but nowhere in your academic CV do I see any reference to public speaking:

Teaching Fellow in the Department of History, Harvard University; Teaching Assistant in the Department of History, Stanford University; and Communications Consultant to the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Adelstein received a B.A. with Distinction in Political Science from Stanford University, an M.A. in History from Stanford University, studied at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and is a graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts.

However impassioned your words, they could not reach the visceral level of those of Commissioner Copp, and therefore you -- and we -- would have been better served with a more cursory summation. It's one thing to understand history; another to discourse on it.

Or, perchance, was this why YOU were appointed by the Pretend President?

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**From:** Isaac H. Lassiter IV  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 9:44 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Isaac H. Lassiter IV (isaachomeriv@yahoo.com) writes:

I am deeply troubled to hear about the FCC's pending action to make it easier for broadcast stations to swallow up even more of their competition than is already allowed. Living here in San Diego, where the FCC has allowed Clear Channel Communications to own 13 radio stations, it is quite obvious that even the current policies that allow one company to own thousands of radio stations are detrimental to the consumer. There is a serious lack of programming diversity, it is almost impossible to hear any good local programming on these stations, and the jingoistic nature of Clear Channel makes it unlikely for their media to provide what the news media is commissioned to do: offer a critical voice on politics and popular culture. As well, the secret nature of the proposed changes in the forthcoming meeting makes you, as a governmental organization, look to be controlled by the interest of these large corporations that your upcoming ruling could help, rather than being driven and ! controlled, as you should, by the best interest of the public and constitutional law.

I urge the FCC board members to take a look at our current media landscape; it is rare to hear a critical voice unless search for what you already want to learn about on the Internet. Your policies that encourage concentration and control and discourage the airing of differing opinions are stifling our democracy by controlling how information ebbs and flows through our democratic process. Please, if you have any care for encouraging America's citizens to learn more, and thereby have the ability to think critically and decide for themselves (rather than have a network producer decide for them), do not support this action.

Sincerely  
Isaac Lassiter

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**From:** Hunter Barnett  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, May 28, 2003 11:57 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Hunter Barnett (bhbar@aol.com) writes:

Sir, I have already emailed your Chairman but am wondering if there is anything else I as an American citizen, and your employer, can do to prevent the vote on Monday or the passing of this deregulation measure. I am terrified by the prospects of this deregulation and the eventual evolution of our media into little more than a mouthpiece for a money hungry oligarchy. The media companies, like Clear Channel, "are not in the business of providing information or news, but are in the business of selling [their] customers products"? Is that man drunk? Who the fuck does he think he is? Could the problem with this act be any more clearly defined than in the frightening truth of that quote? Holy crap! Please tell me how to help you vote this down. I will do anything I possibly can, including running for Congress. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Harold haider  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:54 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Harold haider (hnh@haider.com) writes:

Please do not permit an increase in the number of stations owned by one entity in a broadcast area. If anything it should be lowered.

We need to keep the "Public Airwaves" free for ownership by all segments of Society. Left, Right, Black, White, Catholic, Jew, etc., etc.

We cannot have what are becoming monopolies to control "Public Airwaves".

If some individual has such substantial personal needs that he is required to control communication in an entire area; let him invest in Cable.

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**From:** H F Jansen Estrup  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 12:06 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

H F Jansen Estrup (janestrup@yahoo.com) writes:

Free speech is for every American (and, as we profess our desire to expand these freedoms around the world we ought to stand up for them here at home), not just the rich and influential - do not let the media be further collected into the hands of a few ... stand up for local control of news and views ... those of us who fought for our freedoms are counting on you to keep them from being taken over by the Fascist Few

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**From:** H F Jansen Estrup  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 12:05 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

H F Jansen Estrup (janestrup@yahoo.com) writes:

Free speech is for every American (and, as we profess our desire to expand these freedoms around the world we ought to stand up for them here at home), not just the rich and influential - do not let the media be further collected into the hands of a few ... stand up for local control of news and views ...

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**From:** Glenn E. Poole  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 8:44 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Glenn E. Poole (GlennPoole@SoftHome.net) writes:

Please let us keep our local stations. The news and stories we get from the large corporations are not geared to local news and events. We also get only one viewpoint when all stations are owned by one huge corporation. Thanks for the good work.  
Glenn Poole

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**From:** George Jacobi  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 9:19 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

George Jacobi (george\_jacobi@yahoo.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

Our country's media should be for the public good not just for the benefits of economy of scale large media companies will gain from the change the FCC is considering.

I urge you to promote a diverse, balanced, and competitive media. Please stop the FCC rule change on June 2.

We allow media companies to use the airwaves in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the public interest, and it's the FCC's job to make sure that's so. Please hold the FCC to its mandate and oppose the rule change.

Sincerely,  
George and Tove Jacobi

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**From:** George Carleton Harris  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 12:03 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

George Carleton Harris (carleton\_harris@msn.com) writes:

Sir,

I just saw your comments on ABC's "Nightline" and could not agree more with what you said. My wife and I are certainly opposed to the proposed changes to the FCC rules. We do not have either satellite or cable television. We depend on public access stations (both radio and television) for news and information. These changes are appalling, if not frightening. The only parallel I know of appeared in Lenin's "What Is To Be Done" which provided a roadmap for the takeover of the Western democracies. The first step was to acquire control of the news media.

Are anti-trust laws not applicable to the media? And, when the FCC controls licenses this gets even more disconcerting. The example from Minot, SD speaks volumes.

What, if anything, can a hapless public do?

Regards,  
Carleton Harris

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**From:** Gaston Nichols  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 6:06 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Gaston Nichols (gnichols@prexar.com) writes:

I was unable after hours of trying to make comment regarding the concentration of media rules. I am opposed to any further concentration of media power, and think that this should be opened for public discussion.

Thank you

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**From:** Gary Rekow  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 6:37 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Gary Rekow (grek4@earthlink.net) writes:

Thank you for your efforts to defeat the proposal that could reduce the number 'owners' of the Public Airwaves. Demoracy needs More Diversity, Not Less!

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**From:** Gary G. Manwiller  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 11:56 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Gary G. Manwiller (mannytwo@grm.net) writes:

Please listen to "We thePeople" and Vote No on Mondays Vote. Thank-You

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**From:** Frank P. Melli  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, May 28, 2003 2:34 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Frank P. Melli (fmelli@compuserve.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

What can we do to help you to delay Michael Powell's June 2nd meeting? Our organization offers our support in any action to further your agenda around this issue. Please advise...

I am the Executive Director of Green Sphere Inc. In 1994, Green Sphere Inc. filed comments in response to the FCC's call for comments on the new DBS technology. As a result Green Sphere was recognized as a national program supplier for DBS. Many major groups supported and endorsed our comments such as the National Audubon Society.

Sincerely,  
Frank Melli  
Executive Director  
Green Sphere Inc.

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**From:** ERIC S. CRAIN  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 2:45 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

ERIC S. CRAIN (grayce@3rivers.net) writes:

Mr. Adelstein,

Thank you for your recent comments mentioning Great Falls, MT as a worse case scenario in the results from the horrific decision from the FCC yesterday. In the past, citizens' efforts at increasing LOCAL participation on the public radio station in Great Falls were distorted, lied about and covered with much bias by the Great Falls Tribune newspaper which is owned by Gannett. That Gannett is poised to expand into other media outlets because of yesterday's decision comes as no surprise and does much to explain the anti-local stance taken by the Tribune in their coverage of the radio issue in Great Falls.

Your efforts at trying to prevent this dreadful decision are very much appreciated by those of us already living under the the boot of the 21st Century Kane here in Montana.

regards,  
Eric Crain

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**From:** Alexei Qoyojin  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, May 28, 2003 6:14 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Alexei Qoyojin (qoyojin@yahoo.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

Good for you! The American People are overwhelmingly with you--at least in spirit--in your difficult fight to "put the brakes" (your words) on the conglomerates' insatiable greed, which is currently stamping out our freedoms of speech, amongst other things. And I do appreciate CNN granting your honest efforts airtime (on a 3AM SLOT, of course). However, let me just make the banal CLEAR--our public either knows not how to make a difference regarding this issue, or is unaware of the new legislation trying to slither its way under their feet (In which case I ask, "What is to be done? What can I as a private citizen do to help prevent such a shortsighted act?"). I read, scoop the net, listen to radio, watch tv (but avoid FOX, unless I want a good laugh, or to see the lies they try to feed us with thier "fair", right-wing, opposition-bashing, "doubleplusgood" news--notice they never manage to let slip the word UNBIASED?), and above all, talk to people...yet the frightful pictu! re remains: the will or opinion of the public majority is not in the interest--let alone earshot now--of the "New America" and its' masters. I am so disgusted at the way this country is being led that I have made a decision to enter politics myself. And I am but a common man who comes not from money, but from a desire to change the world for good. Please don't sell out, and let me know what an ordinary citizen can do.

Thank you.

Alexei Qoyojin

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**From:** Ellen Wakefield  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:23 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Ellen Wakefield (elwake@jeffnet.org) writes:

Please help save the diversity on our airwaves. Thank you for opposing this proposal to allow even bigger conglomerates to own even bigger chunks of the radio/television/newspaper markets. This proposal is a real threat to news coverage, especially local news coverage, and to emergency services.

I've heard such horror stories about emergency service agencies being unable to reach a human at radio stations run from a hub hundreds of miles away, thus depriving those radio listeners of important emergency awareness.

Please don't let a handful of giant companies take over all the markets.

Deregulation in 1996 allowed companies to amass hundreds of radio stations and cut costs by replacing local shows with national programming. Radio is a vital local service.

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**From:** Ellen E. Tenney  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 10:52 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Ellen E. Tenney (tenney@vermontel.net) writes:

Do the right thing and DO NOT allow the wealthy few media moguls to control the news we receive in this country. you know it would be wrong. Vote with your heart. PLEASE

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**From:** Elizabeth Yoffe  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 9:26 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Elizabeth Yoffe (eyoffe@earthlink.net) writes:

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

Thank you for doing your job so ably and opposing further deregulation. You are a hero in these Orwellian days in America. The citizens of this country overwhelmingly support you and appreciate your dedicated efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Yoffe

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**From:** Elizabeth Ordahl  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 10:11 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Elizabeth Ordahl (ordahle@ci.boulder.co.us) writes:

I strongly oppose the further deregulation of the airwaves. I think that limiting the number of companies that control the content of what's being broadcast by radio and TV puts us in grave danger. I already think that we get incomplete and skewed information and viewpoints about what's happening in our country and in the world. I think we are already being controlled by propaganda. People were fired (e.g. Phil Donahue) for criticizing the administration before and during the war. None of the companies in charge now have the courage to stand up to the administration. If you relax the rules, it will make it that much easier for the administration to control the information that we get. Stand up. Listen to your conscience. This is wrong.

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**From:** Edward W. Smith  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 9:47 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Edward W. Smith (tedhere0@mac.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein

Thank you for your efforts to get publication of the upcoming communications rules changes postponed so that they might be reviewed by the public and their representatives, then defeated. You and Commissioner Copps have been the only members who have chosen to do their jobs as stewards of the public's property to insure operation in the "public interest and convenience.

What shall be done now?

Respectfully,  
Edward W. Smith

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**From:** Edith M. Bare  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 10:52 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Edith M. Bare (ebare@att.net) writes:

Please vote against consolidating more media outlets. The public needs to be informed of all views in order to make a decision on any subject. That is the strong point of democracy.

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**From:** Douglas L. Cobb  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 29, 2003 11:00 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Douglas L. Cobb (doug@bananasteak.com) writes:

The decision to go forward with deregulation warrants additional, serious debate. It is in the best interest of our country to let us as citizens determine the next step in how and who controls the information that is dispensed to us.

I thank you in advance for taking action and putting this major issue back on the table for further examination.

Sincerely,  
Doug Cobb

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**From:** Alicia Knight  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 1:18 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Alicia Knight (superdiva@adelphia.net) writes:

Commissioner Adelstein:

I just happened to find your May 13 News Release calling for a postponement of the media concentration decision. Thank You!! I completely agree with you that more hearings and public input are needed concerning this move which would drastically change -- for the worse -- telecommunications policy. I am one average citizen you can put in your column. I am sending Commissioner Copp a similar message of support. Hang tough!!

Thank you,

Alicia Knight  
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Stafford, VA 22556

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**From:** Dot Greenwood  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 7:53 AM  
**Subject:** attached letter to the editor

Dear Commissioner:

The attached letter expresses my concern for the changes you propose.

Are you being directed by the President to do this?

What are the long term benefits for proposing such monopolies?

Thank you.

Dorothy Greenwood

Letter To The Editor: The Pilot 5/28/03

MEDIA MONOPOLY—WHO CAN STOP IT ?

Monopolies—weren't they bad? To be broken up?  
What ever happened to one entity not controlling  
A whole area of business?

I understand that on June 2, de-regulation plans of the FCC  
are to loosen rules to allow  
Broadcasters to own newspapers in the same geographical  
Market and to allow broadcast networks to be unrestricted in size.  
Think of that! And did you know that broadcasters will no longer  
Need to present both sides of an issue and may endorse one  
Candidate without opportunity for the opposition to speak.  
Why, you ask, when we need and are used to equal opportunity?  
Sensationalism and high ratings—that's the focus and what sells.

So, forget about important issues or two-sided coverage or  
Candidate discussions—most of these are not sensational. We have  
Been told to expect the mergers between radio and T.V. stations  
to extend now to mergers of broadcasters and newspapers.  
With ownership and control in the hands of fewer people (looking for  
Sensationalism), what will that do to coverage and diversity of opinion? It  
Worries me. With media monopoly, are we in for monologues? What about  
the "rest of the story"?

Dorothy M. Greenwood  
100 Lake Hills Road, Pinehurst, N.C.28374  
215-0443

**From:** Donna Stulberg  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, May 31, 2003 4:50 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Donna Stulberg (dsue888@aol.com) writes:

Hmmm. Fox news "delivers" a republican victory in 2002 and gets its reward in 2003. This one won't go away. If you think the Clinton scandals were tough, just watch this one!

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**From:** Donna Smith  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 4:51 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Donna Smith (msmith1@twcny.rr.com) writes:

I urge you to keep our airwaves regulated so that we are protected from only a few individual companies controlling what belongs to the American people. Please think about the "consequences" and vote to keep our airwave free of monopolies.

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